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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To: Judge Kollar-Kotally

I am writing to you today to express my intense disapproval of the Proposed Final Judgment announced by the Justice Department regarding the Microsoft case. Having followed the review by the Federal Courts during the past three years of the Microsoft antitrust case, in which they proclaimed that Microsoft repeatedly and forcefully violated U.S. antitrust laws and was liable for its illegal conduct, I am very much alarmed by the PFJ. I am also aware that recently a U.S. Court of Appeals ruled unanimously that Microsoft had clearly violated antitrust laws and that any government settlement with Microsoft must have three key elements: a) Terminate Microsoft?s illegal monopoly, b). Deny to Microsoft the fruits of its past violations, and c). Prevent any future anticompetitive activity.

So, my question is, why has the Justice Department cut a back-room deal with Microsoft that fails to meet any of these three standards? I hope that as you review my response to the Justice Department?s deal, and others like it, you will recognize the severe mistake that we would be making as a country to ignore what is right here. Please help protect public trust in our Government, the interests of the non-Microsoft developers? community, and the rights of all software users by ensuring that Microsoft is held accountable for their long-standing antitrust abuses. Thank you for taking the time to review my comments.

Sincerely,

Kathy Gooley